













**SPORTING NEWS****WESTERN CANADA TURF CIRCUIT**

Calgary, Feb. 15.—The formation of the Western Canada Turf Circuit which took place at the meeting held here is one of the greatest events that has taken place in the annals of racing in Western Canada.

The idea originated with James E. Reilly of the Calgary Turf Club, and that great club was largely instrumental in getting the idea started. Other members were the prime movers in the convention while speaking of the excellent work of the Turf Club, it was decided to give it to Alf. Alfred Moodie, who was elected president of the big circuit. Mr. Moodie has been identified with the associations of Canada for a number of years and it is safe to say that there is not a man in the country more interested in the Dominion than the same Alf. Moodie. He undoubtedly gave the game right from A to Z and it is safe to say that he will give his time and money to the great sport.

By electing Mr. Moodie to the office of president of Turfmen's association the many delegates made one of wisest moves possible in the interest of the game and the time and energy to the success of the new organization, but with him filling the office of president, the growth of the new association and the bringing of racing to the standard it deserves in the Western country, is now an assured fact.

The following dates were drafted out by the organization at the meeting held in Moose Jaw:

Cranbrook—May 26.

Calgary—May 25 and 26.

Vancouver (Dominion Fair), June 23 to July 9.

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Moose Jaw—July 10 to 12.

Lethbridge—July 15 to 18.

Medicine Hat—July 21 to 22.

Moose Creek—July 24 and 25.

Winnipeg—July 9 to 12.

Brandon—July 19 to 21.

Aldergrove—July 26 and 27.

Wadena—July 28 and 29.

Indian Head—Aug. 7 and 8.

Regina—Aug. 11 to 13.

Saskatoon—Aug. 15 to 22.

Prince Albert—Aug. 27 to 29.

Battleford—Sept. 1 and 2.

Edmonton—Sept. 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12.

Calgary—Sept. 14 to 17.

Vancouver—Sept. 22 and 23.

Granby—Sept. 24 and 25.

Cardston, Pincher Creek and some of the other smaller towns will probably be included later on.

**TO SWIM CHANNEL**

Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—Believing that he owes his life to daily ocean swims, Sam H. Moore, captain of the Valentine Life Saving Society Corps, 150 Brattleboro Street, will attempt in the next few days to swim the English Channel. Moore is confident of his ability to swim across many other skillful and strong swimmers there.

"To swim from the English Channel shore, as I have done, said Moore, "requires a lot of vitality, a good deal of nerve and a certain amount of one's self while in the water. More fat at long-distance swimming because of the lack of exercise."

When a swimmer has been in the water for twenty hours, if I can do that, I am beaten of the French shore by the English," said Moore. "I am not able to swim in the water until the tide goes out in the next."

"Can I do it on the first attempt?" repeated Moore in reply to the reporter's question. "I don't know what conditions are right. It is all a question of wind and water conditions. I figure as long as I can get along in the water for twenty hours, if I can do that, I am beaten of the French shore by the English."

Moore has been training in the water for two months, while two physicians, Dr. W. H. Smith and Dr. J. S. Stoddard, looked over his condition and found him in excellent shape.

A week ago yesterday, Moore, who had been swimming every day since he came to Boston, went into the water for five minutes. A week after that he had been swimming, and miniature gladiators dotted the sandy stretch, Moore went out in the water and showed himself less, remaining on the ice for one hour and thirty-five minutes, while two physicians, Dr. W. H. Smith and Dr. J. S. Stoddard, looked on in amazement.

**TORONTO PICKED FOR WINNER**

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Jack Dillon, the popular manager of the Toronto Blueshirts, has signed a contract with the Beau's Jersey City Skaters, and who will be in the city first week with the "Nellies," the name given to the new company, picks Newark, under Gino Stalimano, election, to finish in the first division of the National Hockey League.

"Stallings, although very hot-headed, is one of the best managers in the game today, and will soon make a winning record," said Dillon. "The Toronto bunch will have to try to retain their present position. Buffalo will be a factor again. However, we look very dangerous indeed. However, we feel they get a real capable manager there and that will be a good double amongst the players and this will be their chance some. I see they are going to buy out the Canadian team. To me it looks pretty foolish, pithier."

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"Providence starts off anywhere as well as they finished last season last year. Now, however, the men in the city in fact any other club can afford to attend the Grey Cup to get a start, for if they do in the future, they do so."

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**A GENTLEMAN'S TRICK.**

Boston, Feb. 16.—Could anything be fairer—sportier than this? At the Boston A. A. games last Saturday night, John Taylor, Pepey's dusky runner, in a mad dash to get away from a hard batted who could get away with such speed. He ought to do well with Boston, we certainly had some fun.

It was the common opinion that Mr. Gifford had given up too much to donate for competition in the British Columbia League should be given for the Minto cup. The suggestion has been advanced by Mr. Gifford that the Minto cup be given to the national game, the Minto cup being his personal trophy.

Mr. Gifford offered the suggestion.

**CHALLENGE FROM DAVIS.**

The following is a letter received from Eddie Davis, of the Boston Americans, who challenges Bob Holley or Dick Allen, of Stratford. "I am informed that you have been invited to visit Edmonton in the persons of Bob Holley and Dick Allen, of Stratford. I hereby challenge you to a race between us next month at any place. Monday night I beat Dick Scott in Cobalt, but will be here next Monday night. I am sure that my arrangements can be made."

**SPORTING BREVIET.**

Frank Gatus, the former Neptune captain, has signed a contract to play with New Orleans again next season.

It has been stated on good authority that Eddie Davis, of the Boston Americans, has accepted an offer to play for the Montreal team. The chance of the Chicago Cubs is suffering from neuritis in his left foot, and may be compelled to undergo an operation before the season begins.

Jay Overall, pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, has been having trouble with his shoulder, but is still able to pitch. He has been beaten by 1879 batsmen, an average of 3.46 a game, and has given 563 balls on bails, an average of 1.00, but he is still more powerful physically and last year pitched 100 miles per hour.

**WANDERERS BEAT QUEBEC.**

Quebec, Feb. 16.—The local team was beaten for the first time this season on the home ice, the Wanderers winning eight to six after a saw-saw match.

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